Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 08 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 09 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 07 Dec 2021 at 17:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general developments. Medium for cloud details.

Headline for Wednesday 08 Dec 2021: Cloudy with snow showers. Some drier and brighter spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 08 Dec 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	40%	40%	50%	50%	50%	50%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 08 Dec 2021

Weather: Some drier and clearer spells overnight with a scattering of snow showers, rain below 600m. Rather cloudy during daylight hours with snow showers, although rain below 600m. The showers most widespread around Ben Wyvis and north through Assynt to Ben Hope. Drier and brighter skies over Skye and into Knoydart. The snow showers mainly in the north and east in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% over Skye and into Knoydart. 30% Assynt northwards.

Visibility: Poor or very poor in snow, but mainly very good around Skye and into Knoydart and Torridon. Extensive cloud bases 600 to 900m, north and east, but this breaking and lifting near or above the summits across Skye and surrounding areas.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	41/48 E	37/43 E	33/40 E	34/40 E	30/36 NE	26/32 NE	23/28 NE	16/20 N	13/17 N
900	40/47 E	34/41 E	32/38 E	32/38 E	28/34 NE	24/29 NE	21/26 NE	14/18 N	12/15 N
600	28/35 E	24/31 E	21/28 E	21/29 NE	17/24 NE	15/20 NE	11/15 N	8/13 N	7/10 N
300	7/35 E	5/29 E	6/28 E	8/28 NE	7/26 NE	6/23 NE	6/20 N	4/14 N	4/12 N
Glen	17/36 E	14/30 E	14/29 NE	14/29 NE	11/24 NE	11/24 NE	9/18 NE	7/14 N	6/12 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-2/-12	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-8	-2/-8
900	-2/-12	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-1/-6
600	0/-8	0/-7	0/-6	0/-6	1/-5	0/-5	0/-4	0/-3	0/-3
300	2/-1	2/-0	2/-1	2/-1	3/-0	2/-1	2/-1	2/-1	1/-1
Glen	4/-1	4/-0	4/-0	4/0	5/2	5/1	4/1	4/1	4/1
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	600m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Thursday 09 Dec 2021
Weather: Mainly dry overnight with patchy cloud cover. Dry and bright during the morning, cloud thickening with a few snow showers in the afternoon and more widespread snow from dusk. Mainly of rain below 600m.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 25 to 30mph gusts 40mph at height after dusk.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% lowering 30% or less later in afternoon and early evening.

Visibility: Good or very good, falling poor or very poor in snow. Patchy or extensive cloud mainly near or above the summits, becoming widespread 600 to 900m around dusk.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to Plus 4 Celsius
At 800m: Zero to Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 600m, but lower early in the day.

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